

Dear FCC:

I cannot see the harm that XM or any other satellite radio company inflicts on the competition by providing traffic and weather information.

We live in a free country, full of opportunities, founded on the idea of free enterprise. XM radio provides a valuable service, in which I might add is 100% subscription driven. It provides the subscribers a choice of what they want to listen to. I can choose to listen to a satellite radio broadcast, or my local sports talk station, or music of my preference.

The NAB may be a powerful lobby arm, but if they are using their power and money to try and legislate competition, they are misusing their power in my opinion. If a local station can broadcast only traffic and weather, and make a profit, more power to them. I do not think they have found a way to have a profitable traffic-weather only format. XM Radio has found a way, and the NAB obviously does not like it. Sorry NAB, but that is what a free market economy is all about, as well as a simple lesson in supply and demand.

Let me ask you this question: Did The Weather Channel on cable television suddenly make the weather on my local station obsolete? Not hardly, they very well compliment one another.

I respectfully ask that you reject Petition 04-160 as submitted by the NAB.

Respectfully,

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